Welcome to Worship

We believe that all people are blessed and loved equally by God. Following the teachings of Jesus we heartily welcome everyone into God's covenantal community. Whatever your race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic or marital status, variety of thoughts and beliefs, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression - whoever you are and wherever you come from you are welcome into the full life and ministry of our church.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship 23rd Sunday after Pentecost November 1st, 2026

We gather in worship this morning with joy and reverence in our hearts and a sincere welcome to all.
Remember that some will greet neighbors while others come quietly to prayerfully seek God.

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Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available from the Ushers.

The service is also being livestreamed
to be watched online by those unable to join us in person.

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Please freely change the wording of any part of this service to more inclusive language.
Our purpose is to worship God in wholeness.

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME

EXTENDING THE HAND OF PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you…

Response: And also with you…

Let us greet one another extending the hand of Christian Peace

(All are invited to greet one another by shaking hands or waving, offering the peace of Christ.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Racquel: For all the saints from long ago, the ones from sacred stories, and the ones unnamed who built up the community of God…

All: O God we give you thanks!

Joe: For all the saints recently departed, whose memories are fresh and absence still deeply felt; whose faith and works remain part of our everyday lives…

All: O God we give you thanks!

Racquel: For all the saints living still, and for all the saints yet to be born, who will carry the flame of hope and continue the ministry of Jesus Christ as the Body of Christ at work in the world…

All: O God we give you thanks, and ask for the strength and wisdom to be counted among them.

*HYMN NCH # 299 *For All the Saints*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of justice and God of mercy, forgive those who have wronged us or hurt us. Open their minds, soften their hearts, fill them with inner peace. For we, too, need wisdom, empathy and peace. We, too, need mercy, forgiveness and transformation. We have wronged and hurt others, by our actions and by our inaction, and look to you for growth and new beginnings. Listen now to the confessions we bring to you in silence… *(Take a moment for silent prayer).*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Carol Strakosch & Matilda Grenier

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(The cups contain grape juice. All of the bread is gluten-free).

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

THE LORD'S PRAYER debts/debtors *(in unison)*

SHARING THE MEAL *(Please serve your neighbor each element. It is our custom to eat the bread individually, symbolizing our personal relationship with God and to drink the cup together, symbolizing the value of our faith community.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN NCH # 295 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

Children and teachers may depart for classes during the singing of this hymn.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE Susan Rotblat-Walker

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

TOLLING OF THE BELL (NAMES LISTED BELOW)

In Memoriam

2026

Janet Barrow

Philomena Costa

Bruce Creamer

Nancy "Sam" Dale

Esther Dion

Lucian Fairbrother

Don Farnsworth

Barbara Fodor

Charles Furciniti

Thomas Gidley

Ann Kelley

Marlene Manchester

Robert Mason

David McDermott

Barbara McWhirter

Richard McWhirter

Stephen Pace

Charles H. Patterson III

Sharon Ritchie

Peter Sclafani

Manuel Silva

Susan Yentsch

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
MORNING PRAYER
CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 3:4-15 (Old Testament p. 306)

SERMON *Seek Ye First* Rev. Joe Zarro

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM *Lord, Listen to Your Children* arr. Schrader

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

*PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION

OUR COMMUNITY GOES OUT TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN NCH # 376 *God, We Thank You for Our People*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go In Love*

Go in love, have no fear. God will guide you, God is always near.
Go in love, take God's hand, God will hear you and will understand.
May God's light forever shine upon you, may full peace be always in your heart.

Go in love, face each day, God will lead you and will show the way.
Go in love and live in faith.

POSTLUDE

**All those who are able, please stand*

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

The first arrangement is given by Chris and Ellen Brady in loving memory of their mothers, Priscilla Gates Wenzel and Susan Sprague Brady.

The second arrangement is given by Gabrielle Sclafani in celebration of the marriage of Khaleddin Mohammadbek & Saaraa Ashraff, with continued prayers for peace and an exit permit for Khaled's family.

The third arrangement is given in loving memory of Kris Dunlap, by her husband, Earl and their 4 children, Jonathan, David, Christian, and Leslie on the occasion of her birthday, November 1.

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Deacons: Patricia Stoddard, Amanda Colby, Wendy Forma, Liz Wiedenhofer
Greeter: Beth Buckley
Ushers: Liz Wiedenhofer & Lory McCoy
Worship Tech Support: Seth Forman

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TO OUR VISITORS:
We especially welcome those who are visiting with us today. We are pleased to have you among us and invite you to fill out a Visitor Response Card found in the pew rack. Welcome Folders are available in the racks on the stairwells. We hope you will worship with us again!

Ministers to the World: All the Congregation
Associate Minister: Rev. Racquel Ray
Financial Secretary: Patricia Stoddard
Music Director: Matthew Marion
Interim Sr. Minister: Rev. Joe Zarro
Dir. Faith Formation: Andrea Terni
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